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NEWSMAKERS

...AND WITH PEOPLE IN THE HEADLINES

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Washington, D.C., official hospital records show that in 1981 John W. Hickley Jr. was admitted to St. Elizabeths Hospital by reason of insanity for the shooting of President Reagan.

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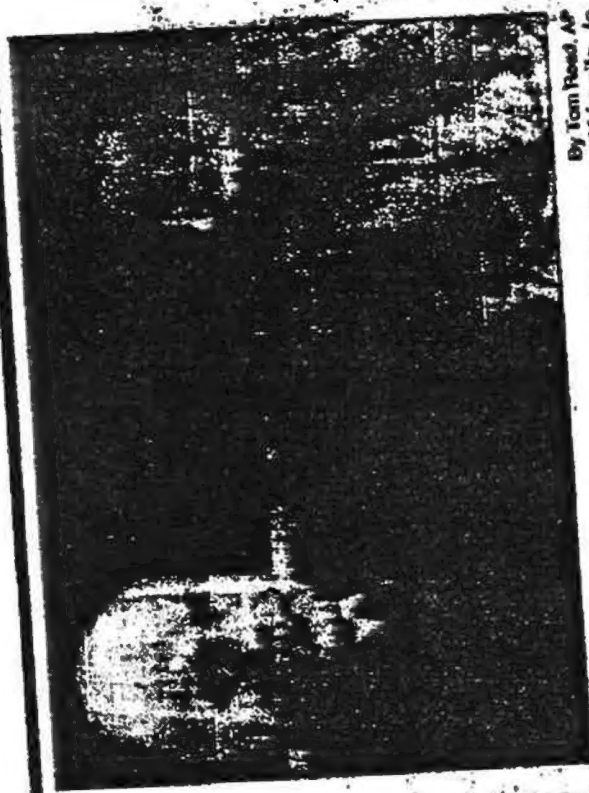
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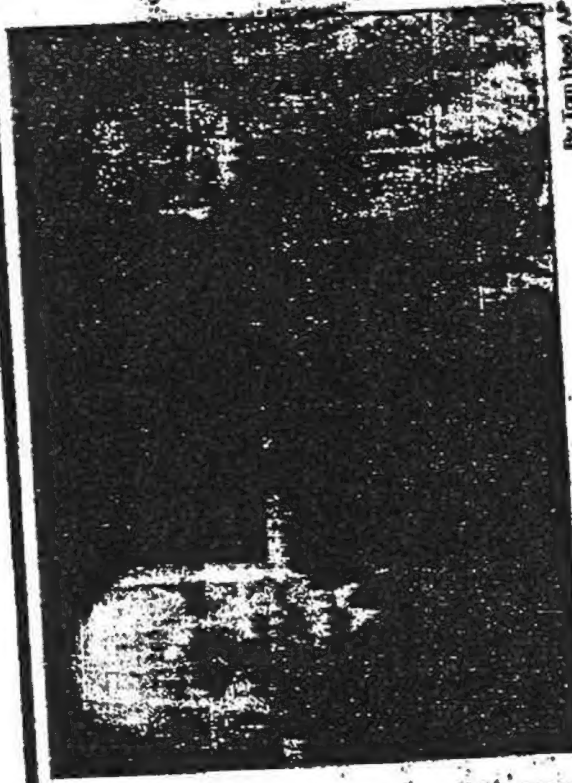
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July 21, 1986

Dear John, Thank you so much for your letter of July 2. July 2 was the day I received my stay of execution, as it turned out. I haven't been doing much of any thing since then. But today I decided I'd better get off my butt and write a few letters.

Your letter was a pleasant surprise. I appreciated very much the sentiments expressed. While our situations are very different, on the one hand, we do share at least one common experience: being vilified and otherwise abused by the news media. It was in a way comforting to hear from someone who has undergone a similar ordeal.

No, I didn't watch the t.v. movie, John. I have been the object of the news media's and the public's attention

for nearly ten years now. I learned long ago that virtually every account about Ted Bundy contained numerous errors and distortions. (Well, you certainly know how this is.) And over the years the rumors, the distortions and falsehoods grew into myths, even legends. The Ted Bundy you read about or hear about on t.v. is not me now and never was me. It's a character invented by fearful, ignorant, dishonest, vindictive minds. It's a character of convenience created by writers and journalists out to make a buck the easy way by repeating gossip, not facts.

So it goes. I don't let it bother me, John. I simply don't pay attention to it. There's no way to combat it. If people want to believe they "know" me (or you) because of what they've seen on t.v., that's their problem. All we can be is ourselves, here and now. To hell with the publicity. The people who love and care about us know it's false and misleading. Because they know us. So we just go about living our own lives as best we can and not allow ourselves to be distracted

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by people's warped, media-created impressions of us.

I'm in a nutshell is my reaction to the books, movie and news stories. I pay as little attention to them as possible and get absolutely no gratification from them.

How are things for you? They must be better than death row in Florida. This is a hot, nasty place. We ~~there~~ spend 24 hours-a-day in 6x9 foot cells. We get outside twice a week, two-hours each time. Once a week I get to visit with my family for six hours. I imagine that conditions at St Elizabeth's are far superior. How are they different? Do you get outside? What's the visiting situation like?

That's about enough for now. I'm with you. Let's keep at this correspondence. It should be interesting.

Thanks for the good words about

Dear Ester,

Yours,
Ed

Wade and me. Yours always, John.

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August 7, 1986

Dear John,
I think we've got something going here, John. It's always a pleasure to find someone I feel comfortable writing. Life's surprising like that, isn't it. I'm sure glad you took the initiative to write.

It's like you said in your letter about having more friends now than you can count. (By the way, I received your July 27 letter. I really enjoyed it. Thanks.) Anyway, I couldn't agree more. There aren't many wonderful people both inside prison (and jail) and out. Many people believe that being locked up is the end of the world, that you're surrounded by vicious, demented people. Well, that's not true. Being locked up, whether in a prison or a hospital, is not the

end, but the beginning. It's no picnic, as you know. I'm sure we'd both rather be somewhere else. I think you're like me, we take it one day at a time and make the best of it. Being locked up has given me a chance to watch and study myself and get to understand myself that I never would have had on the streets. Imprisonment offers everyone the opportunity to liberate or further entrap ourselves.

I'll tell you something, John: mentally and spiritually I am freer now than I was ten years ago.

All this has allowed me to open up to people like I never could before. Like you, I've made many friends while being inside. It's rewarding, a kind of silver lining. There are a lot of mean and unpleasant people on death row. That's

how they appear on the outside.
But I have yet to meet one man in
here who doesn't have something
likable about him. People would
be astonished about how well the
men here get along. I've seen
more fights in an afternoon in a
college gym than I've seen amongst
this group of 200 men convicted of
murders in seven years. The guys
in here aren't angels, but they're
not vicious animals either.

Grounds privileges? It may
not seem much to you, but I'd
tell you, I envy you. Now I
could use some grounds privileges.
That sounds great.

What else can you do there?
Do you have a gym? Do you
have your own room? TV? No
they never lock you in your room?
How about a library? Do you have
a library? I sure do miss not

being able to go to a library?

You have a fiancé? Well
quite. You can see her three
times a week. Can you call her on
the phone? ~~Yes~~ Are you able to
use the phone?

You mentioned Carol and I one.
She is the most important part of
my life. She's influenced me
more than anyone and is the
primary reason I've been able to
make imprisonment a positive
experience. I hope you are as
fortunate in your relationship.

I'm not allowed to use the phone
(except to call attorneys) but I
do get one six-hour contact visit
on either Saturday or Sunday. So
between our daily letters and visits
Carol and I maintain a healthy
relationship.

1989. I sure do hope it

works out for you. I don't know
how feelings are about you now
amongst the powers that be. Lets
hope they can forgive.

In the meantime, make the most
of it day by day. You'll make
it.

Watch yourself.

Peace,
Ted

P.S.- Please give my best to your friend/
fiancee.

P.P.S.- Your letters will be treated with
absolute confidence as I am
sure mine will be by you.

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Aug. 17, 1986

Dear Ted,

Thanks for your letter of Aug. 7.
Yes, I agree we have something good here. I
get a lot of mail but most of it goes unanswered,
either because I don't feel inspired to answer it
or else I don't think the person is sincere. But
your letters are great and I knew they would be.
Before I ever wrote you, I knew you were articulate,
and I wasn't disappointed.

Well, my grounds privileges are okay. I
have it better than being stuck on the ward all
day long. I do have my own small room. All
it has is a bed and nightstand, but I've added
a lot of books and they just let me have a
typewriter so I bought one. I also have a guitar
which I keep in my locker.

I'm sure this place is better than death
row but, as you said, I'd rather be FREE!

The ward has 2 televisions but we can't
keep one in our rooms. We're allowed to receive
boxes from the outside and Teski, my fiancé,
sends me a food and soda box every week.

We have a gym but it's a pain in the
ass getting the staff to take us there. I can only
get there about 20-30 times a year.

There is a so-called library but it's a joke. Very old books, no law books and no newspapers. I hope to be able to get to the library out on the grounds one of these days.

I'm never locked in my room. They always remain unlocked so I'm able to roam ~~at~~ around the ward at all times. There are 12 wards in the building and I'm on a maximum security ward, so they're stricter on this ward. I went to court in March and asked to be moved to medium security but the judge said no. I can go to court every six months so I may go back in October.

We have a phone on the ward, so I'm able to call Jackie at certain times. I know how terrible it is for you not having a phone because for 3 years I could only call my lawyers and immediate family. But I went to court on that one too and got it changed.

Well, I was hoping you would tell me a little bit about your appeal. I'm very interested and concerned, so whatever you wish to say about it, I'll be interested to know. After this 2 month stay is over, what happens?

I'm sure Carole helps you tremendously. Having a wife who loves you and helps you can make incarceration so much more tolerable. Please tell Carole I said hello and give her my best.

Things are okay for me, Ted. I'll get out of here one day, maybe even before Reagan leaves office. Jim well and the doctors know it. My psychiatrist testified at my last hearing that Jim neither psychotic, delusional or depressed. But she thinks Jim narcissistic, and for that reason, she wouldn't even recommend a day in the city. Can you believe that shit! Jim going to have to be a perfect person before they let me out.

Well, as always, I wish the best for you. Take care of yourself, Ted, and stay strong. Write back when you have a chance.

Please,

John

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Dear Ted,

I read about your new death order. It really upsets me, because I'm against the death penalty and I value you as a friend.

I don't know why you didn't respond to my last letter but it's okay. I realize you're quite preoccupied. If you don't answer this letter, I'll certainly understand.

Ted, is there anything I can do? Is Carol okay? Do you want me to write her?

I just want to help out if I can.

Stay strong and keep fighting!

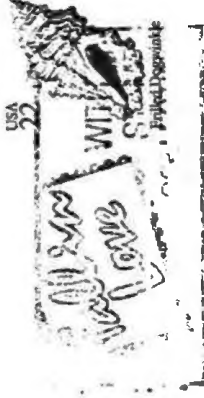
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